**Section 686.708 Purchase, Rental, or Repair of Assistive Equipment**

A prescription from a physician or licensed therapist is required for all purchases or rentals of medically-oriented assistive equipment.

a) Assistive equipment may be purchased when:

1) the customer is expected to need the equipment for a period to exceed 1 year;

2) the cost of renting the equipment exceeds the purchase price of the equipment; or

3) the equipment is not available for rental.

b) Assistive equipment may be rented when:

1) the customer is not expected to need the equipment for an extended period of time (i.e., less than 1 year); and

2) the rental cost for the equipment for the period the customer is expected to need the equipment is less than the purchase price for the equipment.

c) Assistive equipment may be repaired when:

1) the equipment is already in the possession of the customer;

2) the repair cost is less than the rental or purchase price for the same equipment; and

3) the equipment, when repaired, is expected to have an increased useful life of at least 1 year.

d) If an item is available for purchase, rental, or repair through Medicaid, DHS-DRS will not provide additional funding if an approved provider refuses to accept the Medicaid approved rate.

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